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May 21-June 4, 2015

15 days for \$5,484 total price from Washington, DC
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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

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Independent, democratic Croatia welcomes visitors eager to absorb its remarkable history and culture – and its beautiful and unspoiled Dalmatian coastline. As our small group travels from historic Zagreb and beautiful Lake Bled to the Habsburg resort of Opatija, the island of Hvar, and beloved Dubrovnik, we see why this cherished region lays such a claim on the hearts of all who visit.



Avg. High (°F)	May	Jun
Zagreb	70	77
Dubrovnik	70	78

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Historic Zagreb ... Scenic Lake Bled excursion ... Vibrant Ljubljana ... Visit to Postojna Cave ... Istrian Peninsula touring ... Visit to Plitvice Lakes National Park ... Dramatic Dalmatian coastline ... Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site ... Charming Opatija ... Two-night stay on island of Hvar ... Three-night stay in Dubrovnik, in superbly located hotel ... Dubrovnik touring including Old City walls

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Zagreb		
2-3	Zagreb	Regent Esplanade	Deluxe
4-5	Ljubljana	Grand Hotel Union	Sup. First Class
6-8	Opatija	The Bristol Hotel	Sup. First Class
9	Trogir	The Trogir Palace Hotel	First Class
10-11	Hvar	Adriana Hotel Hvar	Sup. First Class
12-14	Dubrovnik	Hilton Imperial Hotel Dubrovnik	Sup. First Class
15	Depart Dubrovnik for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Zagreb, Croatia

Day 2: Arrive Zagreb After a connecting flight in Europe, we arrive in Zagreb and transfer to our hotel. Tonight we meet our fellow travelers and learn about the journey ahead as we gather for a briefing and welcome dinner. **D**

Day 3: Zagreb This morning's tour of the Croatian capital by coach and on foot reveals a gracious city of culture and hospitality. We visit Mirogoj Park Cemetery, known for its arcades and sculpture; then continue through Old Town with a visit to St. Stephen's Cathedral. After calling on the colorful Dolac open-air market, the remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight we dine at a local restaurant. **B,D**

Day 4: Zagreb/Lake Bled, Slovenia/Ljubljana

We travel northwest this morning to the town of Bled, whose namesake lake is the stuff of fairytales. Surrounded by the Julian Alps and deep forests, and with a medieval castle perched on its shore, the almost mile-wide lake ranks as a popular tourist destination. We tour the castle then enjoy a boat ride around the placid lake. Late this afternoon we depart for the Slovenian capital of Ljubljana, arriving in time for dinner at our hotel. **B,D**

Day 5: Ljubljana This morning's walking tour reveals the charming heart of this friendly, mid-sized European capital with ornate façades, romantic bridges, a historic city center, and abundant parkland. Then the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration, perhaps to visit some of the city's museums, galleries, or historic houses. **B**

Day 6: Ljubljana/Postojna/Opatija, Croatia

En route to Opatija today, we stop to explore Postojna Cave, the almost 13-mile long karst cave system where an electric train takes us deeper than is possible in any other cave in the world. Then after free time here for lunch on our own, we continue on to Opatija, the seaside resort where Habsburg princes once vacationed. **B,D**

Cover Photo: We enjoy a pleasing mix of guided touring and time on our own in Dubrovnik.



A typical farmhouse we'll see along Croatia's scenic Adriatic Coast

Day 7: Opatija/Istrian Peninsula Today's tour of the Istrian Peninsula reveals the multicultural roots of this alluring spit of land jutting into the Adriatic. At various times a vassal of Venice, the first Austro-Hungarian Empire, Fascist Italy, the Yugoslav Federation, and finally, Croatia, Istra, as it is known, boasts an interesting history, mild Mediterranean climate, lovely scenery, and good wines. Our first stop is in the port of Pula, where we visit the well-preserved remains of a Roman amphitheater (c. 177 CE). Next is Rovinj, a charming old Venetian port where we are free to explore on our own and perhaps enjoy lunch at an outdoor café. After returning to Opatija late this afternoon, we dine together tonight at a local restaurant. **B,D**

Day 8: Opatija/Plitvice Lakes Today we embark on a full-day excursion to Plitvice Lakes National Park, a string of 16 turquoise-colored lakes connected by a series of waterfalls and cascades, surrounded by dense forests, and separated by distinctive travertine deposits. Once known as Devil's Garden, this intriguing natural landscape of karst formations and abundant wildlife is a UNESCO World Heritage site. We enjoy a guided tour here, as well as some time to wander on our own. **B,L**

Day 9: Opatija/Zadar/Trogir We travel south along the scenic Adriatic coast today, stopping first in the seaside town of Zadar, an ancient Croatian capital. After lunch at a local restaurant here, we embark on a tour of the Italian-accented medieval city that once rivaled Venice for maritime supremacy. Mid-afternoon we depart for Trogir, whose historic town center is a UNESCO site. **B,L,D**

Day 10: Trogir/Split/Hvar This morning we travel to Split, the main city of the central Dalmatian Coast and home of 3rd-century Diocletian's Palace. As we see on our guided tour, the palace, and eventually its ruins, formed the historic heart of picturesque Split. After time for lunch on our own, we board a ferry for the two-hour cruise to Hvar, "queen" of the Dalmatian islands. Upon arrival we travel by coach to lively Hvar town, where we spend the next two nights. We dine tonight at a local restaurant just a short walk from our hotel. **B,D**

Day 11: Hvar With captivating natural beauty and a strategic Adriatic location, Hvar has prospered since antiquity. We discover some of its charms this morning, first with a walking tour of Venetian-tinged Hvar town then with a walking tour of nearby Stari Grad, one of Croatia's oldest

Post-Tour Extension

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-GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

cities and where we also have time to wander on our own. We return to our hotel for lunch and an afternoon and evening at leisure. **B,L**

Day 12: Hvar/Dubrovnik We continue our journey south today, leaving Hvar for the mainland then traveling along the scenic Dalmatian coast to popular and beloved Dubrovnik. After reaching our hotel late afternoon, this evening is at leisure for us to get our first look at this medieval gem. **B,L**

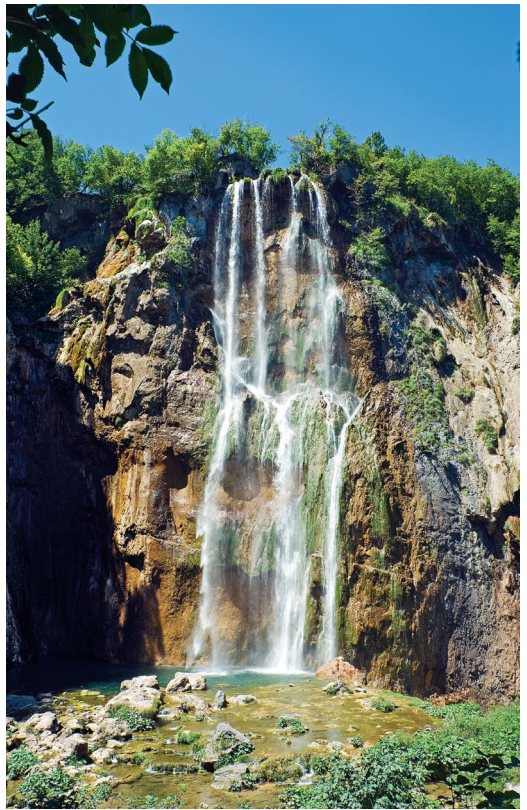
Day 13: Dubrovnik Today we discover the city whose ancient walls have withstood both time and tide for hundreds of years. We begin with a walking tour around the city walls, whose original ramparts and bastions date to the 12th and 13th centuries (Dubrovnik itself was founded in the 7th century). Then we continue through the Old City, paying a visit to the stately Baroque Cathedral (c. 1672). We also see the Treasury, whose gilded shelves and historic relics sit behind locked wooden doors; and the Franciscan monastery with a 14th-century pharmacy. We return to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure or time for independent exploration. **B**

Day 14: Dubrovnik Today is free to explore on our own. From the medieval Old Town to the contemporary city with its Mediterranean accent, Dubrovnik offers discoveries aplenty. Then we enjoy a small group highlight as we set out late this afternoon for a farewell dinner with a local family whose home overlooks Dubrovnik. Our menu features produce from their garden, homemade olive oil, and local wine. **B,D**

Day 15: Depart for U.S. This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flights to the U.S. **B**

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners
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On Day 8 we visit Plitvice Lakes.

Tour Departs: May 21, 2015

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$5,284
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Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa	\$5,584
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Dear VMFA Members,

Travel with us to the beautiful, unspoiled Dalmatian coast — an extraordinary realm of walled cities and Roman relics. Traveling in a small group of no more than 24 guests, we'll savor many unique opportunities to discover the history and culture of this remarkable region.

Our 15-day journey begins in Croatia's gracious capital, Zagreb, with visits to historic Old Town as well as the colorful Dolac open-air market and St. Stephen's Cathedral. In Lake Bled, we enjoy a tranquil boat ride, and in Ljubljana we revel in romantic views of archetypal bridges and plentiful meadows. Then we continue to Opatija, "the jewel of the Adriatic," where Habsburg royalty once vacationed. During the final stops on our Dalmatian adventure, we visit the beautiful island of Hvar, whose enticing medieval town is situated on one of the most beautiful islands along the Adriatic coast, and Dubrovnik, the world's largest UNESCO conservation site. We tour the Old Town, with its distinctive medieval architecture, and enjoy our farewell dinner with a local family. An optional three-night extension in Dubrovnik allows you to explore the ancient city in more depth, at your own pace.

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Sincerely,



Adele "Hutch" Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

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Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person/people on **Pearls of Dalmatia** departing **May 21, 2015**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and mail check (along with completed reservation form) to: Odysseys Unlimited Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

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Post-Tour "Dubrovnik – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Pearls of Dalmatia, May 21-June 4, 2015**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

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